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INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY REMARKS

If X is a set with topologies S and T , the upper bound topology for X is the set $T[S,T]$ defined as follows: a set $U \subset X$ is in $T[S,T]$ provided if $x \in U$ there is an $s \in S$ and a $t \in T$ such that $x \in s \cap t \subset U$. In this paper we examine the upper bound topology and its relation to the topologies S and T .

In Chapter I we look at the separation axioms. We find that if (X,S) is T_0 , T_1 , or Hausdorff, then $(X,T[S,T])$ has the same property. It is also observed that the implication is not reversible. Further, it is shown that if $(X,T[S,T])$ is either regular, normal, Urysohn, or metric then no conclusion can be drawn about (X,S) .

In Chapter II we look at countability and find that if (X,S) and (X,T) are both first countable or second countable then $(X,T[S,T])$ has the same property. It is also seen that if $(X,T[S,T])$ is separable then (X,S) is separable. Examples are given to show that the implications are not reversible.

In Chapter III it is observed that if $(X,T[S,T])$ is either compact, countably compact, Lindelof, or connected then so is (X,S) . Examples are given to show that no conclusion can be drawn about locally connected.

The reader is expected to have a working knowledge of point-set topology and is referred to [1], [2], and [3] for definitions and theorems not covered in this paper.

CHAPTER I

SEPARATION

DEFINITION 1. If X is a set with topologies S and T the set $T[S,T]$ is defined as follows: if $U \subset X$ then $U \in T[S,T]$ provided if $x \in U$ then there is an $s \in S$ and a $t \in T$ such that $x \in s \cap t \subset U$.

THEOREM 1. If X is a set with topologies S and T , then $T[S,T]$ is a topology for X .

PROOF: Let $x \in X$. Then $x \in X \cap X \subset X$ and X is in both S and T so $X \in T[S,T]$. Clearly $\emptyset \in T[S,T]$. Let U and V be in $T[S,T]$ and let $x \in U \cap V$. Since $x \in U$ and $x \in V$ there exist sets s and m in S and t and n in T such that $x \in s \cap t \subset U$ and $x \in m \cap n \subset V$. Then $x \in s \cap m$ and $x \in t \cap n$ and since S and T are topologies, $s \cap m \in S$ and $t \cap n \in T$. It follows that $x \in (s \cap m) \cap (t \cap n) \subset U \cap V$ and that $U \cap V \in T[S,T]$.

Now let A be an index set and let $\{W_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\} \subset T[S,T]$ and let $x \in \bigcup \{W_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\}$. Then there is an $\alpha_1 \in A$ such that $x \in W_{\alpha_1}$. But $W_{\alpha_1} \in T[S,T]$ so there are sets $s \in S$ and $t \in T$ such that $x \in s \cap t \subset W_{\alpha_1} \subset \bigcup \{W_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\}$. Therefore $\bigcup \{W_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\} \in T[S,T]$ and $T[S,T]$ is a topology for X .

THEOREM 2. Let X be a set with topologies S and T . Then $T[S,T]$ is the smallest topology for X containing S and T .

PROOF: Let $U \in S$ and $x \in U$. Then since $X \in T$ and $x \in U \cap X \subset U$, we have $U \in T[S, T]$. Therefore $S \subset T[S, T]$ and similarly $T \subset T[S, T]$.

Now suppose there is another topology Γ for X such that $S \subset \Gamma$, $T \subset \Gamma$, and $\Gamma \subsetneq T[S, T]$. Then there is a set $U \in T[S, T]$ such that $U \notin \Gamma$. Let $x \in U$. Then there are sets $s \in S$ and $t \in T$ such that $x \in s \cap t \subset U$. But $s \in \Gamma$ and $t \in \Gamma$ so $s \cap t \in \Gamma$ and therefore $U \in \Gamma$. This contradicts the assumption that $U \notin \Gamma$, so the topology Γ does not exist and $T[S, T]$ is the smallest topology containing S and T .

DEFINITION 2. Let X be a set. Then $U \subset X$ is in the cofinite topology for X provided the complement of U is finite or $U = X$ or $U = \phi$.

DEFINITION 3. If X is a set, let every subset of X be open. The resulting topology is called the discrete topology for X .

DEFINITION 4. If X is a set and $p \in X$, the particular point topology for X with respect to p is defined as follows: a set V is open if $p \in V$ or if $V = \phi$ or $V = X$.

Clearly the sets mentioned in definitions 2, 3, and 4 are topologies for X .

EXAMPLE 1. Let X be the real numbers and let T be the cofinite topology for X . Let $p \in X$ and let S be the particular point topology with respect to p . Then there is a set $U \in T[S, T]$ such that $U \notin S$ and $U \notin T$.

PROOF: Let $x \in X$ such that $x \neq p$ and let $t = X - \{p\}$ and $s = \{x\} \cup \{p\}$. Then $t \in T$ and $s \in S$ and $x \in s \cap t \subset \{x\}$. Thus $\{x\} \in T[S, T]$ but $\{x\} \notin S$ and $\{x\} \notin T$.

DEFINITION 5. Let X be a set and T a topology for X . Then if $U \subset X$, by U is T -open it is meant that $U \in T$ and by U is T -closed it is meant that $X - U \in T$.

DEFINITION 6. A topological space X is a T_0 -space if and only if whenever x and y are distinct points in X , there is an open set containing one and not the other.

THEOREM 3. Let (X, S) and (X, T) be topological spaces with the property that (X, S) is a T_0 -space. Then $(X, T[S, T])$ is a T_0 -space.

PROOF: Let x and y be distinct points of X . Then there is a set $s \in S$ which contains one of x and y but not the other. Let $t \in T$ such that both x and y are in t and let $U = s \cap t$. Clearly $U \in T[S, T]$ and U contains one of x and y but not the other. Therefore $(X, T[S, T])$ is a T_0 -space.

DEFINITION 7. Let X be the real numbers and define the usual topology for X as follows: a subset U of X is open provided if $p \in U$ there is a positive number c such that $(p-c, p+c) \subset U$.

EXAMPLE 2. Let $X = (0, 1)$ and define topologies S and T for X as follows: $S = (\psi - \{U \in \psi \mid 1/4 \in U \text{ or } 1/2 \in U\}) \cup \{X\}$ and $T = (\psi - \{U \in \psi \mid 7/8 \in U \text{ or } 3/4 \in U\}) \cup \{X\}$ where ψ is the usual topology for X . Then $(X, T[S, T])$ is a T_0 -space, but (X, S) and (X, T) are not.

PROOF: Consider the points $1/4$ and $1/2$ in (X, S) . The only S -open set containing $1/4$ is X , but X also contains $1/2$. Similarly, the only S -open set containing $1/2$ also contains $1/4$. Therefore (X, S) is not a T_0 -space, nor is (X, T) .

Now since $T[S, T]$ is the smallest topology containing S and T , $T[S, T] = \psi$. Let x and y be distinct points in X and let $c = |x - y|/2$. Then $(x - c, x + c)$ is an open set containing x but not y . Therefore $(X, T[S, T])$ is a T_0 -space.

DEFINITION 8. A topological space X is a T_1 -space if and only if whenever x and y are distinct points in X , there is an open set about each one which does not contain the other.

THEOREM 4. If (X, S) and (X, T) are topological spaces and if (X, S) is a T_1 -space, then $(X, T[S, T])$ is a T_1 -space.

PROOF: Let x and y be distinct points in X . Then there are open sets s_1 and s_2 in S such that $x \in s_1$ but $y \notin s_1$ and $y \in s_2$ but $x \notin s_2$. Let $t \in T$ such that $x, y \in t$ and let $U_1 = s_1 \cap t$ and $U_2 = s_2 \cap t$. Then $U_1, U_2 \in T[S, T]$ such that $x \in U_1$ but $y \notin U_1$ and $y \in U_2$ but $x \notin U_2$. Therefore $(X, T[S, T])$ is a T_1 -space.

DEFINITION 9. If (X, T) is a topological space and $A \subset X$, the collection $T' = \{G \cap A \mid G \in T\}$ is a topology for A called the relative topology for A . The fact that a subset of X is being given this topology is signified by referring to it as a subspace of X .

EXAMPLE 3. Let $X = [0,1]$ be a subspace of the reals with the usual topology and let T' denote the relative topology for X .

Define topologies S and T for X as follows:

$S = (T' - \{U \mid U \in T' \text{ and } 0 \in U\}) \cup \{X\}$ and

$T = (T' - \{U \mid U \in T' \text{ and } 1 \in U\}) \cup \{X\}$. Then $(X, T[S,T])$ is a T_1 -space but (X,S) and (X,T) are not.

PROOF: By theorem 2, $T[S,T] = T'$. Let x and y be distinct points of X and let $c = |x - y|/4$. Then $(x - c, x + c)$ is a $T[S,T]$ -open set containing x but not y , and $(y - c, y + c)$ is a $T[S,T]$ -open set containing y but not x . Therefore $(X, T[S,T])$ is a T_1 -space.

Now consider the points 0 and 1 in X . The only S -open set containing 0 also contains 1 and the only T -open set containing 1 also contains 0 . Therefore neither (X,S) nor (X,T) is a T_1 -space.

DEFINITION 10. A topological space X is a Hausdorff space if and only if whenever x and y are distinct points of X , there are disjoint open sets U and V in X with $x \in U$ and $y \in V$.

THEOREM 5. If X is a set and S and T are topologies for X such that (X,S) is Hausdorff, then $(X, T[S,T])$ is Hausdorff.

PROOF: Let x and y be distinct points of X . Then there are disjoint S -open sets U and V in X such that $x \in U$ and $y \in V$. By theorem 2, U and V are also $T[S,T]$ -open so $(X, T[S,T])$ is Hausdorff.

EXAMPLE 4. Let X , S , and T be defined as in example 3. Then $(X, T[S, T])$ is Hausdorff, but (X, S) and (X, T) are not.

PROOF: Let x and y be distinct points in X and let $c = |x - y|/4$ as in example 3. Then $(x - c, x + c)$ and $(y - c, y + c)$ are disjoint $T[S, T]$ -open sets containing x and y , respectively. Therefore $(X, T[S, T])$ is a Hausdorff space. Since (X, S) and (X, T) are not T_1 -spaces, they clearly cannot be Hausdorff.

DEFINITION 11. A topological space X is a regular space provided whenever A is closed in X and $x \notin A$, then there are disjoint open sets U and V with $x \in U$ and $A \subset V$.

DEFINITION 12. Let X be a set and let $p \in X$. We define the excluded point topology for X with respect to p by declaring open, in addition to X , all sets which do not include the point p .

EXAMPLE 5. Let X be the real numbers and let S be the particular point topology for X with respect to the point 1 and T , the excluded point topology for X with respect to 1. Then $(X, T[S, T])$ is regular, but (X, S) and (X, T) are not.

PROOF: The topology S cannot be regular since there are no disjoint open sets. Now consider the T -closed set $A = (0, 1]$ and the point 2. The only T -open set containing 1 is X and $2 \in X$, so T is not regular.

Clearly $T[S, T]$ is the discrete topology for X . Let $A \subset X$ and $x \notin A$. Since every set is both open and closed, A and $\{x\}$ are disjoint open sets containing A and x , respectively. Therefore $(X, T[S, T])$ is regular.

DEFINITION 13. A topological space X is normal provided whenever A and B are disjoint closed sets in X , there are disjoint open sets U and V with $A \subset U$ and $B \subset V$.

EXAMPLE 6. Let X , S , and T be defined as in example 5. Then $(X, T[S, T])$ is normal, but (X, S) is not.

PROOF: Clearly $T[S, T]$ is the discrete topology. Let A and B be disjoint closed sets. Then since A and B are also open we have that $(X, T[S, T])$ is normal.

Since any S -open set must contain the point 1 there can be no disjoint S -open sets and therefore the space (X, S) is not normal.

The author believes there are examples of spaces (X, S) and (X, T) which are normal while $(X, T[S, T])$ is not normal and similar examples of regular spaces, but to this date has been unable to find any.

DEFINITION 14. A topological space X is a Urysohn space provided whenever x and y are distinct points in X there are open sets U containing x and V containing y such that $\bar{U} \cap \bar{V} = \phi$.

EXAMPLE 7. Let X be the real numbers and let S be the particular point topology with respect to 1 and T , the excluded point topology with respect to 1 . Then $(X, T[S, T])$ is a Urysohn space, but (X, S) and (X, T) are not.

PROOF: Since every point in X except 1 is a limit point of 1 under the topology S , the closure of any open set is X .

Thus (X, S) is not Urysohn. Now since every T -closed set contains the point 1 there are no disjoint T -closed sets and (X, T) is not Urysohn.

Clearly $T[S, T]$ is the discrete topology for X . Let x and y be distinct points in X . Then $\{x\}$ and $\{y\}$ are open sets containing x and y , respectively, and since $\{\bar{x}\} = \{x\}$ and $\{\bar{y}\} = \{y\}$, $\{\bar{x}\} \cap \{\bar{y}\} = \emptyset$. Therefore $(X, T[S, T])$ is a Urysohn space.

DEFINITION 15. Let X be a set and let φ be a function mapping $X \times X$ into the positive real numbers such that each of the following holds:

- (i) $\varphi(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$ for every $x, y \in X$,
- (ii) $\varphi(x, y) = \varphi(y, x)$ for every $x, y \in X$, and
- (iii) $\varphi(x, z) \leq \varphi(x, y) + \varphi(y, z)$ for every $x, y, z \in X$.

Then φ is said to be a metric for X and (X, φ) is a metric space.

DEFINITION 16. Let X be a set and let φ be a metric for X . Define the metric topology T_φ for X as follows: a set $U \subset X$ is open provided if $x \in U$, there is a positive real number ϵ such that $x \in \{y \mid \varphi(x, y) < \epsilon\} \subset U$.

DEFINITION 17. Let (X, T) be a topological space. If there is a metric φ for X such that $T = T_\varphi$, then (X, T) is said to be metrizable.

THEOREM 6. Let (X, T) be a metrizable topological space. Then (X, T) is Hausdorff.

PROOF: Let \mathfrak{V} be the metric for which $T = T_{\mathfrak{V}}$. Let x and y be two distinct points of X and let $\varepsilon = \mathfrak{V}(x,y)/2$. Let $U = \{z \mid \mathfrak{V}(x,z) < \varepsilon\}$ and let $V = \{r \mid \mathfrak{V}(y,r) < \varepsilon\}$. Then U and V are in $T = T_{\mathfrak{V}}$, $U \cap V = \emptyset$, $x \in U$ and $y \in V$. Therefore (X,T) is Hausdorff.

EXAMPLE 8. Let X be the reals and let S be the particular point topology with respect to the point 1 and T , the excluded point topology with respect to 1. Then $(X, T[S,T])$ is metrizable, but (X,S) and (X,T) are not.

PROOF: Since $T[S,T]$ is the smallest topology containing both S and T , it is clear that $T[S,T]$ is the discrete topology. Now define the metric \mathfrak{V} by $\mathfrak{V}(x,y) = 1$ if $x \neq y$ and $\mathfrak{V}(x,y) = 0$ if $x = y$. Clearly \mathfrak{V} is a metric for X . Let $x \in X$ and let $\varepsilon = 1/2$. Then $x \in \{y \mid \mathfrak{V}(x,y) < 1/2\} \subset \{x\}$. Therefore $(X, T[S,T])$ is metrizable.

Since there are no disjoint open sets in (X,S) the space is not Hausdorff and therefore is not metrizable. Consider the point 1 in (X,T) and let x be another point in (X,T) . The only T -open set containing 1 is X , but $x \in X$ so (X,T) is not Hausdorff and thus not metrizable.

CHAPTER II

COUNTABILITY

DEFINITION 18. If X is a topological space and $x \in X$, a neighborhood of x is a set U which contains an open set containing x . The collection U_x of all neighborhoods of x is the neighborhood system at x .

DEFINITION 19. A neighborhood base at x in the topological space X is a subcollection B_x taken from the neighborhood system U_x , having the property that each $U \in U_x$ contains some $V \in B_x$. Elements of the neighborhood base at x are called basic neighborhoods at x .

DEFINITION 20. A set A is countable if and only if there is a one-to-one and onto function from A to the positive integers.

DEFINITION 21. A topological space X is first countable if and only if each $x \in X$ has a countable neighborhood base.

THEOREM 7. Let X be a set with topologies S and T such that (X, S) and (X, T) are first countable. Then $(X, T[S, T])$ is first countable.

PROOF: Let $x \in X$ and let $U \in T[S, T]$ such that $x \in U$. Then there is an $s \in S$ and a $t \in T$ such that $x \in s \cap t \subset U$. There are countable neighborhood bases B_x^S and B_x^T at x for S and T , respectively. So there is an $M \in B_x^S$ and an $N \in B_x^T$

such that $x \in M \subset S$ and $x \in N \subset T$. Then $x \in M \cap N \subset S \cap T \subset U$ and $B_x^{T[S,T]} = \{M \cap N \mid M \in B_x^S \text{ and } N \in B_x^T\}$ is a neighborhood base at x in $T[S,T]$. Furthermore, since B_x^S and B_x^T are both countable, $B_x^{T[S,T]}$ is countable.

EXAMPLE 9. Let X be the real numbers and let S be the cofinite topology and T , the usual topology. Then $(X, T[S,T])$ is first countable, but (X, S) is not.

PROOF: Let $U \in S$. Then $X - U$ is finite so

$U = X - \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \mid a_i \in R \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$, where R is the set of real numbers. Given any $p \in U$ it is clear that one can find a real number c such that $(p - c, p + c) \subset U$. It follows that $S \subset T$ and $T[S,T] = T$.

Now let $x \in X$ and $U \in T$ such that $x \in U$. By definition of T there is a number p such that $(x - p, x + p) \subset U$. There is a rational number c between x and p so

$(x - c, x + c) \subset (x - p, x + p) \subset U$ and the set

$B_x = \{(x - c, x + c) \mid c \text{ is rational}\}$ forms a neighborhood base at

x of elements from T . Since the set of rationals is countable,

B_x is countable and $T[S,T] = T$ is first countable.

Suppose there is a countable neighborhood base at x of elements from S and denote it B' . Now every open set containing x contains some $B \in B'$ so $\cap B' = \{x\}$. Therefore

$X - \{x\} = X - \cap B' = \cup \{X - B \mid B \in B'\}$ and since each $B \in B'$ is

S -open $(X - B)$ is finite. The countable union of finite sets is

countable so $X - \{x\}$ is countable. But since the set of real

numbers is uncountable this is a contradiction and (X, S) is not

first countable.

DEFINITION 22. Let X be a set. The trivial topology for X is the topology having X and ϕ as the only open sets.

EXAMPLE 10. Let X be the real numbers and let S be the cofinite topology and T the trivial topology. Then (X, T) is first countable, but $(X, T[S, T])$ is not.

PROOF: Let $x \in X$. The only T -open set containing x is X , so X is a countable neighborhood base at x . Since $T \subset S$, $T[S, T] = S$ by theorem 2 and by example 9 S is not first countable.

DEFINITION 23. If (X, T) is a topological space, the collection B° is called a base for (X, T) if and only if whenever G is an open set in X and $p \in G$, there is a set $B \in B^\circ$ such that $p \in B \subset G$.

DEFINITION 24. A topological space X is second countable provided its topology has a countable base.

THEOREM 8. Let X be a set and let S and T be topologies for X . If (X, S) and (X, T) are second countable then $(X, T[S, T])$ is second countable.

PROOF: Since (X, S) and (X, T) are second countable, S and T have countable bases B_S and B_T , respectively. Let $B' = \{U \cap V \mid U \in B_S \text{ and } V \in B_T\}$. Also let $G \in T[S, T]$ and $p \in G$. Then there are sets $s \in S$ and $t \in T$ such that $p \in s \cap t \subset G$. By the definition of a base, there are sets $U \in B_S$ and $V \in B_T$ such that $p \in U \subset s$ and $p \in V \subset t$. Then

$p \in U \cap V \subset s \cap t \subset G$ and B' is a base for the topology $T[S,T]$.

Clearly, since B_S and B_T are countable, B' is countable and therefore $(X, T[S,T])$ is second countable.

LEMMA 1. Let (X,S) be a topological space with the property that X is second countable. Then X is first countable.

PROOF: Since X is second countable the topology S has a countable base B_S . Let $x \in X$ and let $B_x = \{B \mid B \in B_S \text{ and } x \in B\}$. Also let $U \in S$ such that $x \in U$. Since B_S is a base for S , there is some $B \in B_S$ such that $x \in B \subset U$. But $x \in B$ implies that $B \in B_x$ so B_x is a neighborhood base at x . Clearly B_x is countable since B_S is. Therefore the space (X,S) is first countable.

EXAMPLE 11. Let X be the real numbers and let S be the cofinite topology for X and T the usual topology. Then $(X, T[S,T])$ is second countable, but (X,S) is not.

PROOF: Let $B_T = \{(a,b) \mid a \text{ and } b \text{ are rational numbers}\}$ and let $x \in U \in T$. There are rational numbers a and b such that $x \in (a,b) \subset U$, so B_T is a base for x . The set B_T is certainly countable since the set of rational numbers is countable. It has been shown in example 9 that $T[S,T] = T$ so we have that $(X, T[S,T])$ is second countable. By the same example we know that (X,S) is not first countable and therefore by lemma 1, (X,S) is not second countable.

DEFINITION 25. A set D is dense in a topological space (X, S) if and only if the closure of D in X is X .

DEFINITION 26. A topological space (X, S) is separable provided X has a countable dense subset.

THEOREM 9. Let X be a set and S and T topologies for X . If $(X, T[S, T])$ is separable, then (X, S) is separable.

PROOF: Since $(X, T[S, T])$ is separable, X has a countable dense subset D . Then $\overline{D}^{T[S, T]} = X$. Let $x \in X$ such that $x \notin D$ and let U be an S -open set containing x . Since $U \in S$, we know that $U \in T[S, T]$ and since $\overline{D}^{T[S, T]} = X$, U must contain some point $d \in D$ such that $d \neq x$. Then x is an S -limit point of D and therefore $\overline{D}^S = X$ and (X, S) is separable.

EXAMPLE 12. Let X be the real numbers and let S be the topology having the set $\{[a, b) \mid a < b, a, b \in X\}$ as a base. Let T be the topology having the set $\{(a, b] \mid a < b, a, b \in X\}$ as a base. Then (X, S) and (X, T) are separable, but $(X, T[S, T])$ is not.

PROOF: Let \mathbb{Q} be the set of rational numbers and let $x \in X - \mathbb{Q}$. Now if $[a, b) \in S$ such that $x \in [a, b)$ there is a rational number q between x and b and thus $q \in [a, b)$. Therefore $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}^S = X$. It follows clearly from this that $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}^T = X$ and therefore that (X, S) and (X, T) are separable.

Now let $x \in X$ and let $a, b \in X$ such that $a < x < b$. Then $(a, x] \in T$ and $[x, b) \in S$ such that $x \in (a, x] \cap [x, b) \subset \{x\}$.

Therefore $\{x\} \in T[S,T]$ and $T[S,T]$ is the discrete topology.

Suppose that $(X, T[S,T])$ has a countable dense subset D . Let $x \in X - D$. Then every $T[S,T]$ -open set containing x must also contain some $d \in D$ such that $d \neq x$. The set $\{x\}$ is a $T[S,T]$ -open set containing x , but there is no $d \in D$ such that $d \in \{x\}$. This is a contradiction and so $(X, T[S,T])$ is not separable.

EXAMPLE 13. Let X , S , and T be defined as in example 12. Then (X, S) and (X, T) are Hausdorff and separable, but $(X, T[S,T])$ is not separable.

PROOF: Let $x, y \in X$. Without loss of generality we may assume that x is less than y . Then for any $b \in X$ such that $y < b$, $[x, y)$ and $[y, b)$ are disjoint S -open sets containing x and y , respectively, and for any $a \in X$ such that $a < x$, $(a, x]$ and $(x, y]$ are disjoint T -open sets about x and y , respectively. Therefore (X, S) and (X, T) are Hausdorff. The rest of the example follows from example 12.

DEFINITION 27. A separable topological space (X, S) is hereditarily separable provided every subspace of X is separable.

EXAMPLE 14. Let $X = \{(x, y) \mid x \text{ and } y \text{ are real numbers and } y \geq 0\}$. Define the topology S for X as follows: if $(x, y) \in X$ and $y > 0$, a basic neighborhood at (x, y) will be the usual disc with center (x, y) and if $y = 0$, a basic neighborhood at (x, y) will be the union of the semicircle having center (x, y) with its interior,

excluding all those points on the x-axis except the point (x,y) .

Then (X,S) is separable but not hereditarily separable.

PROOF: If \mathbb{Q} is the set of rational numbers let

$D = \{(p,q) \mid p,q \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ and } q \geq 0\}$. Since the set of rationals is countable, D is clearly countable. Now let $(x,y) \in X - D$ and let U be an S -open set containing (x,y) . There must be an ordered pair $(p,q) \in D$ such that $(p,q) \in U$ so (x,y) is a limit point of D . Therefore D is dense in (X,S) and (X,S) is separable.

Now let $A = \{(x,0) \mid x \in \text{Reals}\}$ and let $(x,0) \in A$. Let $U \in S$ such that $(x,0) \in U$. Then $(x,0) = \{(x,0)\} \cap U$ and therefore the relative topology S_A for A is the discrete topology. Suppose D' is a countable dense subset of (A, S_A) and consider the point $(y,0) \in A - D'$. Then every S_A -open set containing $(y,0)$ must contain a point of A different from $(y,0)$. However, $\{(y,0)\}$ is an S_A -open set which contains no point of $A - D'$, a contradiction. Therefore (A, S_A) is not separable.

CHAPTER III

COMPACTNESS AND CONNECTEDNESS

DEFINITION 28. A cover of a space X is a collection A of subsets of X whose union is all of X . A subcover of a cover A is a subcollection A' of A which is a cover. An open cover of X is a cover consisting only of open sets.

DEFINITION 29. A topological space X is compact if and only if each open cover of X has a finite subcover.

THEOREM 10. Let X be a set and let S and T be topologies for X . If $(X, T[S, T])$ is compact then (X, S) is compact.

PROOF: Let I be an index set and let $A = \{U_i \mid i \in I\}$ be an S -open cover for X . Since $U_i \in S$ for every $i \in I$, $U_i \in T[S, T]$ for every $i \in I$. But $(X, T[S, T])$ is compact, so A must have a finite subcover U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n for some positive integer n . Therefore (X, S) is compact.

EXAMPLE 15. Let $X = (0, 1)$ and define topologies S and T for X as follows: $S = (\psi - \{U \in \psi \mid 1/4 \in U\}) \cup \{X\}$ and $T = (\psi - \{U \in \psi \mid 3/4 \in U\}) \cup \{X\}$ where ψ is the usual topology for X . Then (X, S) and (X, T) are compact but $(X, T[S, T])$ is not.

PROOF: Since X is the only S -open set containing the point $1/4$, any S -open cover for X must contain X . Therefore $\{X\}$ is a finite subcover for any open cover of X and (X, S) is compact.

Similarly, it can be shown that (X, T) is compact.

It is evident that the smallest topology containing both S and T is the usual topology so $T[S, T] = \psi$. But (X, ψ) is not compact since $A = \{(0, (2n - 1)/2n) \mid n = 1, 2, \dots\}$ is a ψ -open cover for X which has no finite subcover.

DEFINITION 30. A topological space X is countably compact if and only if each countable open cover of X has a finite subcover.

THEOREM 11. Let X be a set with topologies S and T . If $(X, T[S, T])$ is countably compact then (X, S) is countably compact.

PROOF: Let $A = \{U_n \mid n = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ be a countable S -open cover for X . Clearly A is also a $T[S, T]$ -open cover and thus has a finite subcover U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n . Therefore (X, S) is countably compact.

EXAMPLE 16. Let $X = (0, 1)$ and let the topologies S and T be those defined in example 15. Then (X, S) and (X, T) are countably compact, but $(X, T[S, T])$ is not.

PROOF: Since (X, S) and (X, T) are compact they are clearly countably compact. Let $A = \{(0, (2n - 1)/2n) \mid n = 1, 2, \dots\}$ be a $T[S, T]$ -open cover for X . The collection A is countable since each $(2n - 1)/2n$ is a rational number. However, it was shown in example 15 that A has no finite subcover. Therefore $(X, T[S, T])$ is not countably compact.

DEFINITION 31. A topological space (X, S) is Lindelof provided every open cover of X has a countable subcover.

THEOREM 12. Let X be a set with topologies S and T . If $(X, T[S, T])$ is Lindelof, then (X, S) is Lindelof.

PROOF: Clearly any S -open cover A of X is also a $T[S, T]$ -open cover. Since $(X, T[S, T])$ is Lindelof, A has a countable subcover. Therefore (X, S) is Lindelof.

EXAMPLE 17. Let $X = [-1, 1]$ and define topologies S and T for X as follows: a set U is in T provided $U = X$ or U does not contain the point $1/2$, and a set V is in S provided either V does not contain the point 0 or does contain the interval $(-1, 1)$. Then (X, S) and (X, T) are Lindelof, but $(X, T[S, T])$ is not.

PROOF: Let A be a T -open cover for X . Then $X \in A$ since X is the only T -open set containing $1/2$. Therefore $\{X\}$ is a countable subcover for A and (X, T) is Lindelof.

Now let A' be an S -open cover for X . Then there must be a set $U \in A'$ such that $0 \in U$. If $0 \in U$ then $(-1, 1) \subset U$ by definition of S . There must also be a set V_1 such that $\{-1\} \subset V_1$ and a set V_2 such that $\{1\} \subset V_2$. Then $\{U, V_1, V_2\}$ is a countable subcover for A' so (X, S) is Lindelof.

Let $x \in X$. If $x \neq 0 \neq 1/2$ let $t = \{x\}$ and let $s = \{x\}$. Then $s \in S$ and $t \in T$ and $x \in s \cap t \subset \{x\}$ so $\{x\} \in T[S, T]$. If $x = 0$, let $t = \{0\}$ and let $s = X$. Then $s \in S$ and $t \in T$ and $x \in s \cap t \subset \{x\}$. Finally if $x = 1/2$, let $t = X$ and $s = \{1/2\}$ and again we find that $\{x\} \in T[S, T]$. Therefore $T[S, T]$ is the discrete topology for X . Furthermore $(X, T[S, T])$ is not Lindelof

since $A = \{\{x\} \mid x \in X\}$ is an open cover for X which has no countable subcover.

DEFINITION 32. A topological space X is connected if and only if there are no two disjoint nonempty open sets H and K in X such that $X = H \cup K$.

THEOREM 13. Let X be a set and let S and T be topologies for X such that $(X, T[S, T])$ is connected. Then (X, S) is connected.

PROOF: Suppose (X, S) is not connected. Then there are disjoint nonempty S -open sets H and K such that $X = H \cup K$. But if H and K are in S , they are also in $T[S, T]$ and so $(X, T[S, T])$ is not connected. This is a contradiction and therefore (X, S) is connected.

EXAMPLE 18. Let X be the real numbers and let T be the cofinite topology for X . Let $p \in X$ and let S be the particular point topology with respect to p . Then (X, S) and (X, T) are connected, but $(X, T[S, T])$ is not.

PROOF: Clearly the spaces (X, S) and (X, T) are connected because no two open sets are disjoint. By example 1 $T[S, T]$ is the discrete topology. Let $x \in X$. Then $\{x\}$ and $X - \{x\}$ are two disjoint nonempty $T[S, T]$ -open sets whose union is X . Therefore $(X, T[S, T])$ is not connected.

DEFINITION 33. A topological space X is locally connected provided each $x \in X$ has a neighborhood base of open connected sets.

EXAMPLE 19. Let X be the real numbers and define topologies S and T for X as follows: a set U is open in S provided $U = X$ or the complement of U contains the point 1 ; and a set V is open in T provided the complement of T is finite. Then (X, S) and (X, T) are locally connected, but $(X, T[S, T])$ is not.

PROOF: Let $x \in X$ and let $U \in S$ such that $x \in U$. If $x \neq 1$, then $\{x\}$ is a connected set containing x and contained in U . If $x = 1$ it is clear that $U = X$. Now suppose there are disjoint nonempty S -open sets M and N such that $M \cup N = X$. Then $1 \in M \cup N$ so either $1 \in M$ or $1 \in N$. It follows that $M = X$ or $N = X$. Therefore M and N are not disjoint. This is a contradiction, so X is connected. We have shown that x has a neighborhood base of S -open connected sets and so (X, S) is locally connected.

Now let $B = \{U_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\}$ be a neighborhood base for x of T -open sets and let $V \in T$ such that $x \in V$. Then there is an $\alpha_1 \in A$ such that $U_{\alpha_1} \in B$ and $x \in U_{\alpha_1} \subset V$. Since there are no disjoint T -open sets, U_{α_1} must be connected and therefore (X, T) is locally connected.

Evidently $T[S, T]$ is the topology in which a set U is open provided the complement of U is either finite or includes the point 1 . Now consider the point 1 and the $T[S, T]$ -open set $U = (-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, -1) \cup (-1, 1) \cup [1, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$. Clearly any $T[S, T]$ -open set containing 1 and contained in U is not connected so $(X, T[S, T])$ is not locally connected.

DEFINITION 34. If (a,b) and (c,d) are in the plane then

$$d((a,b),(c,d)) = \sqrt{(a-c)^2 + (b-d)^2}.$$

DEFINITION 35. Let X be the plane. Then the usual topology for X is defined as follows: a subset O of the plane is open provided if $p \in O$ then there exists an $r > 0$ such that

$$\{x \mid d(x,p) < r\} \subset O.$$

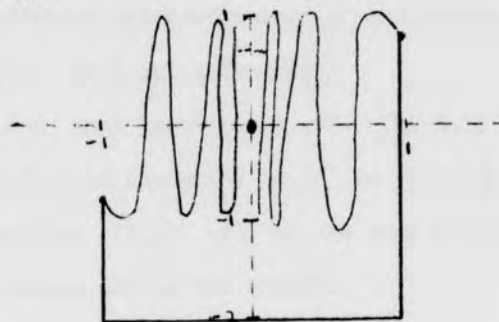


FIGURE 1

EXAMPLE 20. Let $X = \{(x, \sin(1/x)) \mid x \in [-1,0) \cup (0,1]\} \cup \{(0,0)\} \cup \{(-1,y) \mid y \in [-2, \sin(-1)]\} \cup \{(x,-2) \mid x \in [-1,1]\} \cup \{(1,y) \mid y \in [-2, \sin(1)]\}$ and define topologies S and T for X as follows: S and T are the relative topologies induced from the usual topology on the plane at every point except $(0,0)$. A basic S -open set about $(0,0)$ is of the form

$$\{(x,y) \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq r^2 \text{ for some real number } r > 0 \text{ and } x \geq 0\} \cap X,$$
and a basic T -open set about $(0,0)$ is of the form

$$\{(x,y) \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq r^2 \text{ for some real number } r > 0 \text{ and } x \leq 0\} \cap X.$$
Then $(X, T[S,T])$ is locally connected, but (X,S) and (X,T) are not.

PROOF: Clearly $T[S,T]$ is the union of the relative topology for X with the set $\{(0,0)\}$. Now let $p \in X$ such that $p \neq (0,0)$. An open set U about p is the intersection of a disc about p with X . By taking a second disc about p with an appropriately small radius we obtain an open connected set containing p and contained in U . If $p = (0,0)$ and $U \in T[S,T]$ such that $p \in U$, $\{p\}$ is an open connected set containing p and contained in U . Therefore $(X, T[S,T])$ is locally connected.

Now let $U \in S$ such that $(0,0) \in U$. The only connected set containing $(0,0)$ and contained in U is $\{(0,0)\}$, but $\{(0,0)\}$ is not in S . Therefore (X,S) and, in the same manner, (X,T) fail to be locally connected at the origin.

SUMMARY

In this paper we have examined the upper bound topology $T[S,T]$ and its relation to the topologies S and T . The separation axioms, countability, compactness, and connectedness have all been investigated.

Some interesting questions arose which were left unanswered.

If (X,S) and (X,T) are regular (normal, hereditarily separable) is $(X,T[S,T])$ necessarily regular (normal, hereditarily separable)?
If $(X,T[S,T])$ is hereditarily separable is (X,S) hereditarily separable?

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